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Hongkong, December 24, 1907. 2028

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NOTICE.
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Hongkong, December 21, 1907. 2019

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Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2044

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NOTICE.

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of the 20th September last, the
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H. BULOW FRIKKE,
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1907. 2037

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Hongkong, March 12, 1908. 202

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W. A. DOWLEY,
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Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2032

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MEH CHEUNG,
105 HOUSE ROAD AND CORRIDOR, HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, April 2, 1907. 178

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Hongkong, March 2, 1908

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name of "Prince." Dog was wearing a
collar at the time. Finder will be re-
warded on returning same to E. H. HUN-
TER, care of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Hongkong, December 27, 1907. 2036

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notifica-
tion No. 346 the Exchange Banks will
be closed for the transaction of Public
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the 1st and 2nd January respectively.
Hongkong, December 23, 1907. 2024

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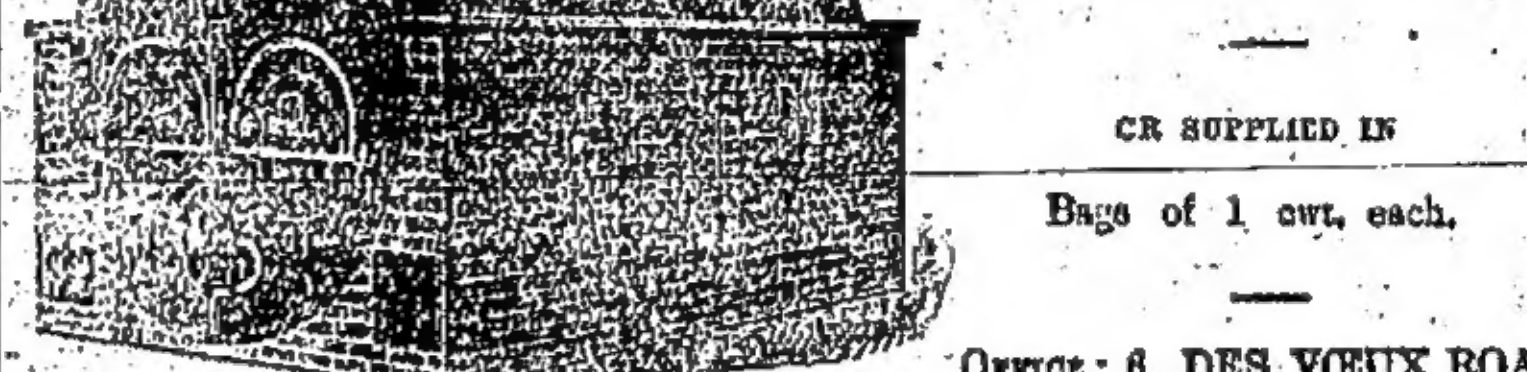
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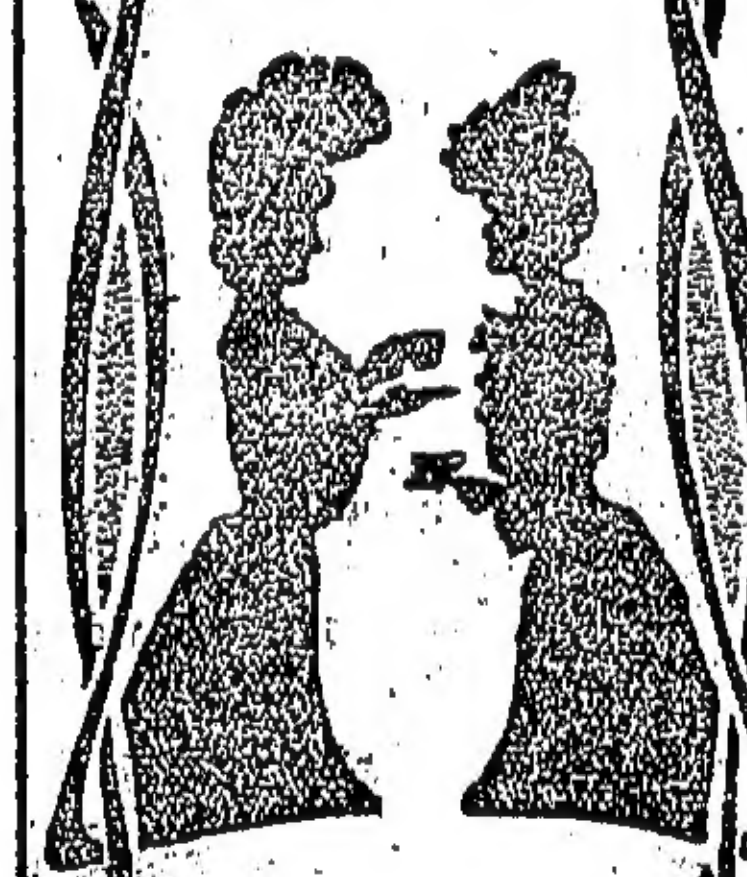
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LATE MAIL NEWS.

THE PORTUGUESE CRISIS
London November 25th.—On Saturday,
700 Portuguese officers tried to organise a
demonstration at Lisbon in favour of King
Carlos. There were, however, so many
officers prepared to assist in a counter
demonstration that the Police prohibited
both displays. The Premier, Senhor
Franco, denies that the Crown Prince has
been banished to Villa Vicosa, in the east
of Portugal, close to the Spanish frontier.
The attempt of the Premier to govern the
country without a Parliament is creating a
highly critical situation. The loyalty of
the army and navy has been questioned and
many newspapers have been suspended.
While the political crisis in Portugal is
admitted, authoritative denials are given
to the allegations that civil war is impending.
The stories of widespread disorder
are attributed to a deliberate campaign of
falsehood against the Royal house.

REVOLT AT LAGOS.

London, Nov. 27.—Serious trouble with
the natives has occurred at Abakaliki,
Lagos, in Southern Nigeria, a British
possession on the West Coast of Africa.
During the fighting in connection with the
rising a British officer was killed and 30
native soldiers killed and wounded. The
outbreak was caused by the compulsory
employment of natives on roadmaking.
Twenty thousand excited natives met at
Lagos and protested against the Govern-
ment expropriating private dwellings for
the purpose of erecting official buildings.
They decided to appeal to Lord Elgin,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR BOYS.

London, November 25.—Major General
Baden-Powell, in the course of a lecture
at Scarborough expounded a scheme for
the voluntary military training of 1,750,000
boys in the United Kingdom. The boys
were, the lecturer stated, now drifting, and
many of them were going to be bad.

BEDFORDSHIRE BIGAMY CASE.

LONDON, November 26.
The Court of appeal has upheld the late
Mr Justice Kekewich's decision, in the
Chancery Division of the High Court of
Justice, allowing Mrs Dorothy Josephine
Jelland to retain the income from the
£180,000 worth of property left to her by
the late James Poole Wagstaff, to whom
she had been bigamously married. The
testators' relations had opposed Mrs Jell-
and's claim to the property.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL PANIC.

November 25.
Lieut. Crawford, secretary to Admiral
Dewey of the United States Navy, com-
mitted suicide yesterday by drowning him-
self in the Potomac River, owing to losses
incurred through the banking crisis.
A woman named Smith, who lost £400,000
in the crisis, shot her husband and herself
after setting fire to her house, the rooms
of which she had previously saturated with
kerosene.
Both Mrs Smith and her husband were
found dead in the house.
Owing to Mr Pierpont Morgan's opposi-
tion, President Roosevelt has decided not
to accept a suggestion from Western Con-
gressmen for the establishment of a Federal
bank of issue.

November 26th.—During the trial of
John B. Walsh, founder and president of
the Chicago National Bank, evidence was
given to the effect that the bank's assets
included £1,000,000 in notes being the
forged signatures of men of good standing.
The latter testified that they had not
signed the notes, and that they had been
unaware of their existence.
The prosecuting attorney charges Walsh
with having forged the signatures to the
notes in order to obtain funds for specula-
tion.
Baron Le Tullier paid £12,000 in Custom
duties on a collection of paintings that
afterwards, owing to the financial crisis,
brought at public auction in New York
only £2,000. Works by some eminent
painters were sold at £1 each.
November 27th.—The "New York
Tribune" estimates that 18 suicides that
occurred recently in America are traceable
to financial panic.
J. R. Maxwell, ex-president of the
Borough Bank at Brooklyn, committed
suicide yesterday on hearing that his cash-
ier had turned informer against him.
John Jenkins, president of the Jenkins
Trust, of Brooklyn, which recently suspen-
ded payment, has been arrested on a charge
of forgery. His brothers, Frank Jenkins
President, and Frederick Jenkins (a direc-
tor) of the Williamsbury Trust, have also
been indicted.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1907. 1365

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70,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND
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Hongkong, December 3, 1907. 1915

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STREET.
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Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE,
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Hongkong, October 8, 1907. 95

TO LET.

FROM OCTOBER 1.
NO. 1, ANTRIM VILLAS, Des Vaux
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Hongkong, September 9, 1907. 1469

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Hongkong, August 13, 1907. 1820

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Reserve Funds—
Sterling.....\$10,000,000
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O. H. McAlister, Esq., Chairman.
Hon. Mr. Henry Kewick—Deputy Chairman.

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E. Goetz, Esq.
A. Haupt, Esq.
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Shanghai—H. E. R. Huxter.
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On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 17, 1907.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 12, 1907.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS.....£170,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2½ per cent on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 12 months 4½ per cent per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 1, 1907.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1855.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
Reserve Funds.....£1,075,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2½ per cent on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4½ per cent per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.

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HONGKONG OFFICE:
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received on terms which may be seen on application.

D. TORROW,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....YEN 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS.....YEN 15,550,000

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HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2½ per cent on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 months 4½ per cent per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.

TAKAO TAKAMOTO,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$269,475
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$243,718
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.....\$212,735
RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000

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MANAGER—GEORGE MUNRO.

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For 3 months 5 per cent.

G. O. MOXON,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, September 28, 1906.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,450,000 (£3,750,000)
RESERVE FUND.....£1,378,375 (£4,438,000)

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HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.

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On Current Accounts 2½ per annum on daily balances.
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Do 3 months 3½ per annum.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.
Hongkong, November 18, 1907.

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For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.

No. 9, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1907.

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANIZED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF 10th DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL.....15,000,000 Roubles.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,000,000 Roubles.
CAPITAL contributed by CHINESE GOVERNMENT.....5,000,000 Roubles.

RESERVE FUND.....Roubles 9,240,000.

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG.
London Office: 41, The Arcade St., E.C.4.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
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Batavia, Hongkong, Shanghai, Tientsin.
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Deposits received on terms which may be seen on application.

D. TORROW,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

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HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2½ per cent on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
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For 6 months 4 per cent per annum.
For 3 months 3½ per cent per annum.

TAKAO TAKAMOTO,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 6, 1907.

GEO. P. LAMMERT

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LADIES' DRESS
MATERIALS,
Including—
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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, September 24, 1907.

CRISIS IN PERSIA.

Cabinet Resigns.

London, December 16.
The Persian Cabinet resigned on Satur-
day in consequence, a telegram from
Tehran states, of incidents arising out of
the murder of two shopkeepers by soldiers,
who have been put in prison, but whose
immediate execution is demanded by the
relatives of the victims and Anjuman.

A great crowd, partly armed, assembled
near the Parliament buildings.
The barracks are closed.
Ball cartridges have been served out to
the Palace guards.

The Shah summoned Nizam es Saltanah
(Minister for Justice) and Nizam el Mulk
(Premier and Minister for Finance and
Treasury).

Later, Parliament was informed that the
ex-Premier and Minister of the Interior
were arrested by order of the Shah.

The House demanded an explanation
from the Sovereign, refusing to quit the
building before a reply was received, the
crowd also waiting.

It is believed the Shah is acting on the
advice of revolutionaries.

THE "PAINTWORK" SIGNAL.
One Explanation of Sir Percy
Scott's Message.

London, December 16.
The "Daily Graphic" and the "Daily
Telegraph" learn that Rear-Admiral Sir
Percy Scott's signal of November 11 about
paint work being apparently more im-
portant than gunnery was merely part of a
colloquial conversation with the Captain of
H.M.S. Roxburgh, who was anxious to
complete his gun practice.

Read in conjunction with this explana-
tion, the signal bears quite a proper
construction.

The conversation occurred two hours
prior to the receipt of the order of Admiral
Lord Charles Beresford, and, consequently,
it was impossible that the signal could have
referred to that order.

The "Western Morning News" (Ply-
mouth) issue says—
We have good authority for stating that
the situation which has arisen in the Chan-
nel Fleet and First Cruiser Squadron,
consequent upon Rear-Admiral Sir Percy
Scott having been admonished by Admiral
Lord Charles Beresford, will almost im-
mediately be carried to a further stage.

The course which this development will
take is considered not unlikely to be an
application by Sir Percy Scott to the
Admiralty to order a Court of Inquiry to
assemble for the purpose of hearing the
circumstances under which the signal was
made to the Roxburgh to discontinue gun
practice, so as to make herself look pretty
to accompany the Channel Fleet and First
Cruiser Squadron to Spithead for the
reception of the German Emperor.

Up to the present, Rear-Admiral Sir
Percy Scott has very wisely preserved
strict silence on the reprimand which he
received from Lord Charles Beresford, and
has not taken any notice of inaccuracies
which have been published with regard to
the incident.

We are, however, informed that the
general signal to the Channel Fleet and
First Cruiser Squadron was made without
any previous official investigation by the
Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet,
and that Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott was
not called upon in the ordinary way for an
explanation of his signal to the Roxburgh.

TO-NIGHT
THE
VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAH,
DES VOEUX ROAD
(POTTINGER STREET CORNER).

MATINEE on 24th
4.30 p.m.

GRAND PRESENTATION OF
TOYS FOR CHILDREN.
GRAND PROGRAMMES.
DURING THE XMAS SEASON.
New Apparatus and Films for sale, at
cheap rates.
Hongkong, December 23, 1907.

A LING & CO.,
10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

FURNITURE AND PHOTO GOODS
STORE.
Photographic Goods of Every
Description in Stock.
DEVELOPING AND PRINTING UNDERTAKES.
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TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1906.
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—Paid-up Capital £2,700,000
—Fire Funds £2,487,500 0 0
—Life & Annuity Funds £3,886,720 19 8
—Reserve Funds £1,713,408 19 10
—Branches—
£2,774,803 19 8
The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Albatross*	despatch-boat	1700	12	8000	Comdr. E. La T. Leatham	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	8000	Captain S. L. Vaughan Lee	Shanghai
Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9700	—	—	Capt. E. S. Erskine	Singapore
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. Davidson	Shanghai
Britannia	river gunboat	710	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. Bamber	Hongkong
Cadmus	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. B. L. Majendie	Hongkong
Chornib	water tank and tug	380	—	—	—	—
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. D. S. Ralke	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. Gresson	Singapore
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. R. Nugent	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. Dickens	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. Freeman	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. De Horsey	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. O. F. Thurstley, R.N.	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Capt. A. J. Taka	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Com. Rey	Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kiddie	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. G. O. Watson	West River
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Com. Tinkell	Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. Tennyson	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. D. Strath	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Commodore Stokes	Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey	Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. West	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. R. W. Glanville	Hongkong
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Com. Cox	Upper Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Spence-Simon	Upper Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Com. Todd	Upper Yangtze
Chornib	aloop	1070	6	1400	Lieut.-Com. Jno. F. Knox	Upper Yangtze

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Leopold	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1630	—	—	Capt. Mildenberg	Amoy
Achilles	French armoured cruiser	1796	10	1700	Lieut. Fours	Haiphong
Adour	French torpedo-ship	3000	—	—	Lieut. Marie	Haiphong
Albatross	French cruiser	128	—	500	Capt. Fourcade	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	150	Commander Herthel	Cape St. James
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	150	Lieut. Andouard	Dela d'Aong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Rochas	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Hue	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Le Blanc	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Trapon	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Coquelin	Salgo.
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Thury	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Fours	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Cortes	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Commander Simon	Haiphong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Aribroster	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. du Chemin	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Grallier	Changting
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Lavistene	Tongat
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. de Belach Werth	Hongy
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Glorianx	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Reserve	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Dupries	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Terquem	Salgon
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Devarenne	Hongy
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Captain Wurmbach	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Kdral	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. von Fossdowsky-Wehner	Tsingtau
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Engel	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Balkan	Hongkong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Langemak	Hongkong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Jakobi	Tsingtau
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Hess	Tsingtau
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. von Koss	Hongkong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Lieut. Fortsch	Canton River
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Lieut. Tounsalnt	Yongwe River
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Riechers	Yongwe River
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Baron de Saint Pierre	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Captain Pedresco	Macao
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Ensign A. E. Shoup	Philippine
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Woodward	Japan
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. Irwin	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Ensign Guy Whitlock	Hongkong
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Commander Alex. Sharp	Hankow
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. E. P. Jessop	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Quibby	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. S. Simon	Philippines
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. C. J. Bomb	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Reserve	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Reserve	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	En-Comdr. J. T. Jayne	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Jas. Helm	Shanghai
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. T. O. McOlean	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. R. R. Ingerson	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Ensign J. W. Hayward	Cavite
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Ensign A. B. Reed	Cavite
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Steadshill	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. O. R. Train	Nanking
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Comdr. Hodges	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. F. F. Fletcher	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Capt. Milton	Manila
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Lieut. F. L. Pinney	Hankow
Albatross	French cruiser	410	—	1	Commander H. R. Rush	Canton

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DEATH. ROZARIO.—At his residence, No. 51, Elgin Street, after a short illness, LINDO ROZARIO, aged 31. Deeply regretted.—The funeral will leave the house at 4.30 this afternoon. Shanghai papers please copy.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW. Amusements. 8 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda. WEDNESDAY, January 1.—Goods per Cornwallshire undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 2.—Goods per Cornwallshire undelivered after this date subject to rent. Goods per Arcadia not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 3.—Goods per Benavitch undelivered after this date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1907.

AMERICA'S THREATENED INDUSTRIAL CRISIS.

On top of its recent financial crisis America is threatened with what is much worse—an industrial crisis. The financial crisis caused necessarily a large amount of inconvenience, and even distress, but it has been generally recognized, at all events in America, that this was but temporary. The question that is being asked in industrial circles, or was being asked when the last American mail left, is whether the crisis in the financial world will react on American industries. All over the States working hours have been reduced and numbers of employees have been dismissed. We learn that the decrease in the demand for their product has led a number of Texas lumber mills to adopt a four days a week schedule, while in Massachusetts a number of large industrial plants are either shutting down for the present or running with reduced help. The railroads west of Chicago have laid off 25,000 hands engaged in construction work, maintenance of the ways, and in the mechanical departments. This, by the way, is a sufficiently complete answer to the declaration of the absurd Mr. Campers, leader of the Labour Party in America, that the workmen of America would not consent to any reduction of wages as a consequence of the financial crisis "for which they were not responsible." Responsible or not large numbers of the workmen of America have, unfortunately, been compelled to put up with not a reduction, but an entire cessation of wages. Notwithstanding all this there are those in America who hold that no great industrial crisis is threatened. They point to the immense agricultural wealth of the country, the past prosperity of manufacturing and mercantile interests and the alleged transitory character of the financial crisis, as proof that there is no cause to apprehend widespread industrial distress. While there may be some justification for this optimism it should be remembered that America is upon the eve of a Presidential campaign. Political activity usually means commercial dislocation, particularly in America. Also the tariff question promises to be prominently to the front at this election and doubt in regard to duties will have some effect in checking production. Still most of the important papers in America seem confident that there is no real ground for alarm. The Springfield "Republican" may be quoted to show the position taken up, at all events, by the Republican press. Our contemporary, in the course of a leading article on the situation, says:—"The fact meantime is to be considered that the country remains on an unquestioned gold basis; that the new gold output of the world is large and still increasing; that commodity prices are predominantly determined by the money volume; and that therefore there can not be any such radical and permanent recession of prices as would take place were the money volume of doubtful quality and contracting. The thing which knocks the life out of business enterprise and courage is continued money contraction and a persistency in commodity prices to go down and down. And this

thing we evidently shall not now see or to such an extent as was seen in 1873 or in 1893. Therefore must we conclude that the panic consequences to industry, while they may prove sharp for the time being, will not prove to be prolonged." It is sincerely to be hoped that this confidence will be justified by the event. Any serious and prolonged check to America's industrial development would react upon the rest of the world, and even here at Hongkong we would feel the effect. Consequently, apart from the natural sympathy we have with our American cousins, enlightened self-interest forces us to trust that the country will emerge from the crisis even better equipped than before to conserve and extend its great foreign trade.

The doctors, as we have mentioned before, are usually ready to show that danger, if not death, lurks in "most of what we eat, drink or wear." Now they have turned their attention to playing cards. We read:—Dangers, hitherto unsuspected, lurk, it appears, in the innocent looking playing card, and packs that have been used more than once, are hotbeds of deadly microbes, which deal forth colds and influenza to the luckless bridge player. This is the latest discovery of the "Lancet," the current number of which contains an article discussing a game of cards, from the hygienic point of view. Under the physically vitiated conditions of the average card party, says the writer, the vitality of the human organism is soon lowered, the bacillus is there, invades the body, and soon manifests its triumph in the sneeze, the catarrh, and the sore throat. Bridge parties are, as a rule, excellent media for the transmission of winter cold, or less serious influenzas. Packs of cards which have been circulating for weeks at bridge parties, sooner or later get soiled by constant contact with the human hand, and an appalling selection of micro-organisms. The "Lancet" proceeds to make the brilliant suggestion that washable cards should be introduced, and says that it might even be made a rule that the dummy in a game of bridge should act as card washer occasionally.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Bishop of Victoria has consented to give a New Year's address in the Theatre Royal on Sunday evening next at 9 p.m.

Rear Admiral C. Tamari, the Captains and Officers of the Japanese South China Sea Squadron are giving an "At Home" on the cruiser Naniwa, on New Year's Day, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Members of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders hold their annual ball on January 10. This function is always highly successful and is one of the popular dances of the year. It should be a big success this year.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and Lady Lugard and staff on Dec. 23 visited, in addition to the hospitals previously mentioned, the Sailors' Home, Fairies Mission and Miss Eyre's Refuge. The Governor, attended by Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A. D. C., visited the Central Market, No. 5 Fire Brigade Station, and No. 8 Police Station.

An official dinner is to be held at Government House on January 2 when His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard will entertain Rear Admiral Tamari, Captain Kubota, of the cruiser Naniwa, Lieut. Commander Shikama, Flag-Lieutenant Hotta, Lt.-Commander Furukawa, of the Uji, Mr. Masuko, Consul-General for Japan, Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, Mr. C. H. Rowe, R.N., Commodore and Mrs. Stokes, Commander Mayboy, of H.M.S. Monmouth, Commander and Mrs. Grenfell, Commander Consett, of H.M.S. King Alfred, Rev. C. E. Thompson, General Broadwood, Capt. Bonham, A.D.C., Major Ross, Colonel and Mrs. Lambert, Miss Lord, Colonel Martin, E.M.O., Colonel and Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. d'Este, Sir Francis Pigott, Hon. Mr. Osborne, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Layton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Slade. The Government House party consists of Sir Henry and Lady de Sussane, Mr. A. G. Brockebury, Private Secretary, Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., and Capt. W. Armstrong, Hon. A.D.C.

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day being a public holiday most of the public institutions will be closed. In addition to Wednesday the military will observe Thursday as a public holiday, and the military offices will be closed except for urgent business.

THE WEATHER.

Christmas weather having been anything but pleasant there seems a probability of that of New Year being a little more acceptable. A strong North-Easter has been blowing during the past few days and it should succeed in clearing the atmosphere of rain.

Outside in the China Sea turbulence reigns supreme. Incoming steamers report high seas and gales. The St. Lucia, from Singapore, in particular met with mountainous waves, and no doubt to-day's arrivals will all add to the record of wild conditions.

THE WEST RIVER PATROL.

The District Magistrate at Shiu Hing on the West River has received a straight hit from the Viceroy of Canton. The former has been sending telegrams to the Viceroy in which he has been asking that some steps be at once taken to put a stop to the present state of affairs, and arrange that the British gunboats and destroyers be relieved from the duty of policing the River.

The Viceroy has informed him, in as many words, that he does not understand what he is talking about, and therefore he had better let matters alone. He states further that steps are being taken by himself, the British Consul-General at Canton, and the British Minister at Peking to find some solution of the difficulty. The present tumult among the people is characterized as "empty disturbance." The Magistrate is ordered to set about suppressing this within the borders of his own jurisdiction, and leave the weightier matters to the officials, in order that they may be arranged. What will be the feelings of the people on receipt of this instruction is not made clear. There is, however, a great change in the tone of the press, some hand has been laid thereon and rather heavily too, for lately there has been quite a change in its demands. It is quite certain that the Chinese authorities have yet a hold upon the people that is irresistible, when they like to put it into operation, and at this juncture they seem to think that the people have shouted as long and as loudly as is good for their throats and lungs.

A RAILWAY SIDELIGHT.

Another squabble is going on among the workers on the Canton-Hankow railway which is leading to litigation, and to publicity in the native papers. The whole thing is suggestive of the Chinese ways of doing things.

In the sphere of the carpenters the contractor demanded that one of the sub-contractors should spend some of his time and funds in making furniture for his own mansion, and, apparently, the subordinate obeyed the orders. Afterwards for some reason the two did not see eye to eye in other matters connected with their respective work, and the subordinate was "sacked." Though angry at what he regarded as an injustice, he tried to smooth matters over, and found another sphere of labour, on the railway work, but not directly under the control of his former master.

The anger of the latter was not appeased, and again the man lost his place. Smarting under this second dismissal, and finding himself without any means of supporting his wife and family, and, as he pertinently adds, according to Chinese ideas, "not being able to find rice for my aged mother," he brought the whole question of his former relationship with his earlier master to light; the whole thing has been published in the Canton newspapers and has created more or less a storm. But to an uninterested reader the episode is suggestive of the Chinese ways of doing things; apparently, in matters great or small they cannot without difficulty go on with the work for which they are paid, without in some way seeking to add thereby to their own personal advantages.

THE LILLIPUTIANS.

The performance of "In Town" on Saturday night by the Lilliputians drew a large house and evoked the utmost enthusiasm. Encores were frequent and the Lilliputians scored numerous successes.

To-night the juveniles make their third change of programme. They stage "La Poupee," which will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday. On next Thursday, Jan. 2nd, will be the first night of "Mother Goose," a 1908 New Year's pantomime. This pantomime was put on in Australia 12 months ago and is still running to enormous business. A majestic performance of the Panto will be given next Saturday afternoon at 3.30 p.m., when children and adults will be admitted at half the usual price. Seats can be booked at the Robinson Piano Co.

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ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Comment in Japan.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Tokyo, December 30.

The Japanese Diet opened yesterday and was shortly afterwards adjourned until January 20.

The speech from the Throne emphasised that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was in a stronger position than ever.

CHINESE CONSUL TO AFRICA.

Wanted at Peking.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 29.

Lev Yuk Lin, the Chinese Consul-General to South Africa, is urgently wanted at Peking. The Waiwupu has wired to the Canton Viceroy to inform Lev to proceed to the Capital with as little delay as possible.

Lev returned from South Africa more than a month ago. When interviewed by a representative of this paper a fortnight ago, Lev said that owing to repeated requests to return to Peking, he was unable to make a long stay in Hongkong, and that he would be going North directly, after settling some private matters in the Colony. The Consul-General, it may be mentioned, was a member of the batch of students sent over to America for education in the early fifties, among whom is the prominent Tong Shao Yi, Minister of the Waiwupu.—Ed., C. M.]

A LEGAL ARGUMENT.

An interesting legal argument was heard in the Supreme Court this morning as to whether Lam Tung could be sued for a sum of money (\$833.33) which Cheung Sek Chan alleged that he paid to the Kin Hing firm of Amoy for and at the request of Lam Tung.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. W. J. Daniel, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, represented the defendant. Prior to the opening by Mr. Pollock, Mr. Slade took a preliminary objection to the hearing of the suit on the ground that the defendant was born within the dominion of China and that the cause of action originated outside the Colony. The defendant had not been a resident of Hongkong for six consecutive months prior to the commencement of the action, but was a native of Amoy and had visited Hongkong first at the commencement of this year. Since then defendant had returned to Amoy and visited Hongkong at different intervals.

Mr. Pollock contended that the Ordinance relied on (No. 1 of 1851) did not apply to the defendant, as he had not visited the Colony for a limited time and for the purpose of trade, both of which were conditions precedent to the protection of the subject by the Ordinance.

"LOVE IN LOTUS LAND."

The Portuguese amateur thespians produced a musical burlesque on Saturday evening at the Catholic Union. There was not a very large attendance, but those who were present had no occasion to regret it. Rather the reverse, indeed, for the entertainment was extremely amusing. Mr. F. da Costa Ribeiro had plenty of opportunities in the role of "Lao" and in every case he made the most of them, keeping the audience well amused while he was on the stage. All the performers worked up to each other well, thus ensuring an enjoyable entertainment; the success of which was due in large measure to the work done by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. S. Alves. Mr. Alves was stage manager, and Mrs. Alves (the only lady taking part) was musical director. The casts of characters was as follows:—

Sir William Burton "Foreign Advisor to the 'Lam Pak Hong' Court," Mr. F. Road Leitao
Captain Roberts of the "3rd Haaka"
Light Brigade Mr. H. H. Remedios
Miss "Nancy" "Mad. de Sir William's daughter," Miss "Clairlye" Alves
Wu Chow "Lam Pak Hong's G.O.M." Mr. C. H. Osmond
The Lady Kangaroo "a distant relative of Wu Chow" Miss "Luiza" D'Aquino
Pak Lou Fa "Garrulous Alongo"
Mau Tan Fa "Sophisticated Barrabas"
To Mei Fa "Henrietta Ravarus"
Fu Yang Fa "Marie" Gardiner
Yut Kai Fa "Olga" Tavaras
Chow Fu "Mr. Geo. Osmond"
Lou Fu "Mr. E. Osmond"
Maniu "Mr. A. Baptista"
Lou Si "Mr. J. Costa Ribeiro"
Ko Fan Sergeant of "Wu Chow's Own"
Mr. D. Prestage
Yan Hoy "Wu Chow's only daughter"
Miss "Julia" Hyndman
Fu Hop "The son of a colleague of Wu Chow," Mr. H. Hyndman
Lie "An Adventure" Mr. F. Costa Ribeiro.

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Collapse of a Chinese Bank.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

SHANGHAI, December 29.

A Cantonese Bank of the name of Tung Tak Chan has collapsed. The amount involved is estimated at several hundred thousand taels.

A Local Collapse.

The outlook of a revival of business with the Chinese for the year which is rapidly drawing to an end does not seem at all satisfactory. Following the financial crisis which was experienced in November by the suspension of payment of a big Chinese merchant dealing in beans—in consequence of which the Chinese Government for the first time lent assistance to restore confidence by ordering the Bank of the Board of Revenue to appropriate a large sum of money to settle the crisis—a big collapse occurred at Shanghai, involving a sum of not less than seven hundred thousand taels and from the above cablegram it may be seen that another native Bank has suspended payment. The Bank in question may be a branch bank of Tung Tak Tai, of Hongkong, which failed the day before yesterday, and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars is reported to have been involved. This Bank, it may be mentioned, was financially supported by the late Lo Kau, a very wealthy Chinese merchant of Macao, who died a week or so ago, and it is surmised that his death was responsible for the firm's failure. Already three native banks at Macao, owned by this wealthy man, have closed since his death. Lo Kau has played a very prominent part in the Macao lottery business and his fortune, which is estimated at something like two million, is said to have been derived from that source. Money from gambling, as the Chinese say, is never associated with good luck, and in the present instance, it seems to be the case.

THE KWANGSI RIOT.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 29.

Chang Ming Chi, Governor of Kwangsi, has wired a report of a riot in Luang Shan.

The Linchuan Rebellion.

Lately there has been little said about the trouble that broke out some months ago in Linchuan. It appears, however, that it has resulted in much trouble and horrors to the innocent, as well as bloodshed on both sides amongst those who are directly engaged in the fray. The gentry of the districts concerned have conjointly sent in a memorial to the Viceroy of Canton pointing out the desolation that is following and that has followed the actions of the parties that are contending with one another. It is said that no less than sixty villages and market towns have been devastated. The memorial states that these towns have been burnt to the ground. Every kind of distress has followed the track of the combatants, and therefore something imperial must be done for the sufferers.

The memorialists, therefore, have appealed to the Viceroy to send some monetary assistance at once. His Excellency, apparently, has fallen in with the idea, and, though there is no definite sum promised, he will, we think, do something to assist those who are in such dire needs. Meanwhile he has issued orders to his subordinates to continue their work. He charges them with the duty of extinguishing the robbers. He complains that though they appear to be successful in getting hold of a leader here and there, the robbers rather, again, and seem to be as powerful as ever. They must, therefore, exert themselves more vigorously in order to put an end to the trouble—a task apparently more easily imposed than discharged.

Another Riot.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 29.

Another riot is reported at Shantung Province, the rioters covering several districts.

THE CAMERONS ARE COMING.

The Indian marine transport Hardinge, with the 2nd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, is expected to arrive on the 1st January.

THE CINEMATOPHORE.

The proprietors of the Hongkong Cinematophore announce that new films will be shown to-night, as the travelling agent for the Company is in Hongkong, with a fresh supply of films on the way to Shanghai. On Saturday evening the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

It is reported from Peking that the gentry and merchants of Anhui provinces have jointly asked the Ministry of Posts and Communications to allow them to re-open H. E. Kwei Kung-shen's Anhui as Director-General of the Anhui railway.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ASIATIC QUESTION.

Riots in the U.S.A.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

A paper published in Portland, Oregon, reports that a crowd of 1,500 Chinese wrecked the Oriental quarter of Lethbridge, Alberta.

The riot was occasioned owing to an unfounded report that a prominent citizen had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant.

A ROYAL GIFT.

The Kaiser's Appreciation.

(Exclusive service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

The Kaiser and the Kaiserin have sent to the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Bell, as Christmas gifts, engraved portraits which are signed and framed.

MOROCCO.

General Druce's Successor.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 28.

General Damage has been placed in command of the French force at Morocco.

General Damage promptly asked for reinforcements, with a view to suppress the trouble in the Medina country.

(Reuters Service.)

PERSIA, GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 27.

The "Times" correspondent in St. Petersburg says that the leading journals unanimously approve of the Anglo-Russian pacificatory mission in Persia, and record with satisfaction the ensuing improvement of relations between the Shah and Melis.

A hope is expressed that a durable understanding will be reached.

THE STRIKE AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, December 27.

Lloyd Agent at Port Said wires that in consequence of the strike the harbour is blocked with colliers, and colliers arriving after the 26th instant are obliged to anchor off the port.

A conference between the coal merchants and the strikers has proved abortive, the latter insisting on an increase of 5d. per ton of coal landed or shipped.

Nearly 100,000 tons are awaiting discharge.

ROYAL BETHROTHAL.

LONDON, December 27.

Princess Beatrice, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, is betrothed to Prince Alfonso of Bourbon.

CANADA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 27.

Ottawa reports that the Consul General has left for Tokyo. It is believed that he has been recalled in connection with the immigration question.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

LONDON, December 28.

The French Senate has adopted the Navy estimates.

M. Thomson, replying to complaints about the falling back of France, said the position of the navy must be maintained, and that France must not cease to make sacrifices at the risk of falling to the fifth or sixth rank.

The numerous subscribers in the arctic insurance market to the Japanese and Siamers Widows and Orphans fund, which was organised during the war, received through the Consul-General of thanks, accompanied by not less than 100,000 francs as presents of the fund.

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Fifth Annual Meeting.

The fifth annual ordinary general meeting of the "South China Morning Post" Limited, was held in the Office of the National Bank of China, at 12.30 p.m. when there were present: Dr. J. W. Noble (chairman), Messrs. G. C. Moxon, H. Pinckney, J. Scott Harston, A. R. Lowe, and others.

The Chairman said— "Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, we will with your permission take them as read. The Directors regret the disappointing nature of the balance sheet placed before you for approval. These accounts, however, represent the true position of the company up to the 31st of August last.

During the period under review, more especially during latter portion thereof, a close and earnest investigation was made by the board and many changes effected in nearly every branch of your business, necessitating the most drastic measures, entailing arduous labour on all concerned in the reformation. Changes in the staff were of course, inevitable, altered methods of conducting the business adopted, large sums set forth in the balance sheet written off, etc. The stock-taking has been very thorough and complete, useless material receded out, the remaining portion revalued. Completed work was found which had been executed with the hope that it might some day be called for; this had been carried as "stock." As delivery could not be forced, legally or otherwise, a large portion of it was worthless and was consigned to the flames and "written off." Your metals have been weighed and credit taken only for that which was actually in stock; a system we think you will admit yields truthful results, it is unexceptionable. For months past no work has been executed unless on the written order of a firm or individual, former laxity and neglect of this precaution accounts for a loss of some thousands of dollars. Our present premises are more suitable for our purposes than any we have heretofore occupied, the rigid supervision which can now be exercised over the employees in all departments, situated on one floor, warrants us in assuming that the out-put should be considerably enhanced and greater satisfaction given owing to personal supervision by the General Manager under whose eye the work is now carried on. Your late General Manager, Mr. A. Cunningham, has presented a claim amounting to \$14,100 for salary as editor, in addition to his pay as General Manager. This claim he absolutely refused to recognise and scorned a compromise. A writ is now outstanding and the case will be tried in due course before the court for trial. You have struggled on patiently, supported by hope and borrowed money, for more than four years and we trust you will be patient yet a little longer and not abandon your hope, so long deferred. The future prospects are really not so gloomy as would appear from the accounts before you. We hope in the ensuing year to reap the benefit of the reforms inaugurated and economies effected and to lay before you a balance sheet better than any you have hitherto seen, and one that will prove more to your satisfaction. Your auditor for some months past has spent much time and labour diligently surveilling the accounts that we might know our exact position. These accounts we now ask you to approve. Before, however, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts we would like to say that we have come here prepared with all the answers fully and freely and all the questions you wish to ask, which can be answered in public without detriment of the company's business. Before proposing these accounts I would be very glad to answer questions.

No questions were put, and Dr. Noble said: "There being no questions, gentlemen, I propose that the report and accounts, as set forth, be adopted. Mr. T. Petrie seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman: It is now in order to elect the directors for the ensuing year. Mr. Petrie: I beg to move the resolution of Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. G. C. Moxon, J. S. Harston, and H. Pinckney as directors for the year ending August 31, 1908.

Mr. G. T. Lloyd seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. I am sorry that I cannot say "The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow."

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 30th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen over Central China, and risen in S. Japan.

The high pressure area is moving Eastwards and is now over the Yellow Sea. Pressure remains low over N. Japan, and it is inclined to give way over the Philippines.

Gradients continue rather steep over S. China, and strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT. 1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. to E. winds, strong; cloudy, probably some rain. 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

The English Mail of the 30th November was delivered in London on the 28th inst.

It is stated in a native Shanghai paper that the Peking Syndicate is willing to give up the mines in Shansi province in return for a sum of Tls. 7,000,000 as compensation.

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SPORTING.

Yachting.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Yesterday the fifth Club race for the yachts of the Royal Hongkong Club was sailed under favourable weather conditions. A fresh north east breeze prevailed and enabled the yachts to display their sailing powers. The course was from Police Pier round a mark boat off Cheung Hui (starboard), North Fairway Buoy (starboard), back to mark boat off Cheung Hui (starboard) and home to Police Pier.

In the Championship Class Dione and Vernon were first away, but Ailsa and Alannah, favoured by strong puffs, soon picked them up and for some distance the four boats were level. Dione by drawing out to windward established a slight lead and Vernon adopted like tactics and filled second place, and the mark boat was rounded by Dione first, followed by Vernon, Ailsa and Alannah in that order.

Dione tacked close round the mark, Vernon and Ailsa standing in together towards Chung Hui and going about close in shore. All three boats then stood on the port tack for the North Fairway Buoy and considerably outdistanced Alannah. Dione rather oversteered the buoy and rounded it to port and was bearing away again for Cheung Hui when she discovered her mistake. She then hauled her wind and went about, but Vernon, being close up, cut in and rounded first. Dione meanwhile retraced her steps and after passing again to windward of the mark bore away after Vernon, thus not complying with rule 52 which says: "Yachts must go fairly round the course rounding the series of marks in such a manner that the yacht's course from the preceding to the following mark must enclose it on the required side."

Vernon had profited by Dione's mistake and was now some slight distance in front and the mark boat was rounded for the second time with Vernon leading from Dione, Ailsa being third and Alannah well away fourth. The heat home was a magnificent race between Dione and Vernon. At one time it looked as if Dione was going to take the lead, but Vernon, sailing well, again out-paced her rival and as the line was neared it looked an easy win for her. However, a junk, one of the many beating up close to the finish, slightly fouled Vernon and this led Dione up considerably. Vernon eventually crossing the line 25 seconds ahead. Owing to Dione's mistake at the North Fairway Buoy she forfeits her marks in this race; Ailsa takes second marks, and Alannah third. The times were—

Vernon ... 2 23 16
Dione ... 2 23 41
Ailsa ... 2 27 10
Alannah ... 2 40 28

Vernon now leads in points with 19, Dione 16; Ailsa 13; and Alannah 3.

In the one-design class Colleen, Min, Bonito and Kathleen started, the first mentioned being first away. After a good run down to the mark boat Colleen rounded first, Min being second and Bonito third. Colleen and Min held on their course inshore, but Bonito and Kathleen rounded the mark and made for the fairway buoy, which could not be picked up owing to the drizzling rain. The wind was rather strong for the yachts and the occupants received several showers of spray. The yacht jibed round the buoy, Colleen being still ahead, with Kathleen next. The run down saw very little change in the positions of the yachts and on the beat home Colleen and Kathleen kept to the centre of the harbour, while Bonito and Min elected to keep inshore. Colleen crossed the finishing line first, with Kathleen second, Bonito third and Min last.

THE CORINTHIAN CLUB. Yesterday afternoon the Corinthian Yacht Club held a race for the "Non-Descript Cup," presented by Inspector Withers. The event was confined to cruisers and six yachts started from the Club-house at 10.30. The course was to Kowloon Dock (Starboard), Beacon (Starboard), Cust Rock (Starboard), Beacon (Starboard) and back to the Club. Dorothy (Mr. McCordquaine) was first over the line and retained command the whole way, finally winning from Caresa. The wind was fresh in the harbour and the yachts made good time. Doreen seemed to be in a fair position at one time during the race, but by going to the Hongkong shore instead of keeping up the harbour she dropped back and finished fourth. The New Year's cruise will be held on Wednesday next to Futcheau and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance.

Football.

THE GARRISON LEAGUE.

The fixtures for this week are—

Monday, 8th Co., R.G.A., v. Departmental, Cpl. Shute.

Tuesday, 87 Co., R.G.A., v. "H" Co., Mr. Q.M.S. Edwards.

Wednesday, "F" Co., Mr. "G" Co., Mr. Q.M.S. Edwards.

Thursday, 40th Co., R.E., v. "H" Co., Mr. G. Greenwood.

Friday, Departmental, v. 87 Co., R.G.A., Cpl. Shute.

Saturday, 25th Co., R.E., v. "A" Co., R.Q.M.S. Thorp.

Kick off at 2 p.m.; remainder at 3.45 p.m.

The results last week were—

88 Co., R.G.A., (3) v. 83 Co., R.G.A., (2);

"H" Co., 3rd Mr., (0) v. Departmental (1);

87 Co., R.G.A., (2) v. 88 Co., R.G.A., (2);

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LEAGUE TABLE TO 21-12-07.

Co.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
87 Co., Middlesex	9	8	1	22	5 10
"F" Co., Middlesex	8	7	1	29	8 14
"A" Co., Middlesex	8	6	1	25	3 13
88 Co., R.G.A.	9	5	4	15	20 10
40 Co., R.E.	7	4	3	27	16 8
Departmental	0	4	5	11	29 8
83 Co., R.G.A.	9	1	1	13	37 6
87 Co., R.G.A.	7	2	5	14	18 4
"H" Co., Middlesex	7	1	5	7	14 3
25 Co., R.E.	7	1	6	4	25 9

* Two forfeits.

The League Competition.

Victories to Civil Service and Telegraphs, at the expense of the Middlesex and Police respectively were the results of Saturday's League cricket, and Civil Service has regained its position at the top of the table, which is now as follows:—

Teams.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Civil Service	6	4	2	0	50.00
Telegraphs	6	4	2	0	33.33
R. G. A.	7	4	2	0	33.33
Drummers	7	4	3	0	14.28
Departmental	7	4	3	0	11.11
Middlesex	7	3	4	0	14.28
Police	7	3	4	0	14.28
Kowloon	6	2	3	1	20.00
"H" Co. "A"	6	1	4	1	60.00

CIVIL SERVICE v. MIDDLESEX.

The batting of H. R. Phelps for Civil Service and the bowling of Barton (six for 20) were features of the match, which resulted in a win for the Civil Service.

The scores are:—

CIVIL SERVICE.

P. T. Lambie, b. Sharp ... 0
F. A. Bide, b. Barton, b. Sharp ... 0
H. R. Phelps, c. Barton, b. Thompson ... 63
R. W. H. Barton, b. Barton ... 3
W. T. Jackson, b. Barton ... 17
P. R. Adams, c. Miles, b. Barton ... 0
A. Dawson, c. Phelps, b. Thompson ... 3
A. Pile, b. Barton ... 3
L. E. Brett, not out ... 4
E. Hogarth, c. Harford, b. Barton ... 0
F. Bacon, b. Barton ... 3
Sundries ... 10

Total ... 112

BOWLING.

Sharp ... 8 0 30 2
Barton ... 16.3 6 30 6
Kerr ... 4 0 23 0
Capt. Thompson ... 5 0 29 2

MIDDLESEX.

Major Stephenson, b. Withell ... 30
Capt. Thompson, c. b. Brett ... 30
D. Roberts, b. Brett ... 2
Sgt. Harford, b. Brett ... 2
Pto. Adams, c. Pile, b. Withell ... 15
Cpl. Miller, c. b. Withell ... 6
Cpl. Sharpe, b. Brett ... 0
Lieut. Macdonald, c. Phelps, b. Brett ... 0
Pto. Miles, not out ... 4
Lance-Corp. Heather, c. Lambie, b. Brett ... 4
Sundries ... 2

Total ... 70

BOWLING.

Withell ... 11 0 23 3
Brett ... 10.3 2 45 6

POLICE v. TELEGRAPHS.

The Telegraphs defeated the Police by 31 runs, Peake's bowling being deadly.

The scores are:—

TELEGRAPHS.

L. J. Wishart, c. Edwards, b. Irving ... 19
J. D. Woods, b. Kerr ... 11
W. A. Powell, c. Cooper, b. Irving ... 5
P. Linton, c. Pitt, b. Irving ... 18
P. B. Beattie, b. Irving ... 6
R. J. L. Wright, c. Kent ... 11
A. H. Young, b. Kent ... 2
C. B. Franklin, b. Irving ... 3
H. Battiscombe, c. Edwards, b. Kent ... 3
C. Shields, not out ... 4
Sundries ... 7

Total ... 85

BOWLING.

Kerr ... 9 0 27 1
Irving ... 16 3 33 5
Kent ... 6.4 0 18 4

POLICE.

Mr. Wodehouse, b. Peake ... 16
W. Pitt, b. Peake ... 0
W. Edwards, c. Peake, b. Peake ... 0
D. McHardy, b. Shields ... 5
W. Kent, b. Shields ... 1
J. Davis, b. Shields ... 2
J. R. Irving, c. b. Beattie ... 11
Cooper, c. Shields, b. Peake ... 7
S. Bell, run out ... 1
R. J. L. Wright, b. Kent ... 6
Glendonning, not out ... 0
Sundries ... 5

Total ... 54

BOWLING.

Peake ... 8.1 0 27 4
Shields ... 6 0 23 8
Beattie ... 3 0 11 2

Volunteer Reserve Association.

THE "MAY" CUPS COMPETITION.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. May has offered three small cups for competition in Classes A, B and C.

Class A to comprise members who have handicaps of from Scratch to 3 inclusive, and Class B, from 4 to 7 inclusive, and Class C, from 8 upwards.

Conditions.—(1.) The Cups will be shot for on the same days as the Governor's and Chapter Cups. (2.) Each competitor must enter his name for the competition and purchase a scoring card, price 20 cents.

Unlimited entries allowed. (3.) The competition will extend over the 6 months from 1st January to 30th June, 1908. (4.) The four best monthly scores (2 at 500 yards and 2 at 300 yards) of each competition will be counted. The prizes will be awarded to the competitor in each class who makes the highest aggregate for the 4 scores counted. (5.) Seven shots and one sighter only are allowed on each card. No practice shots allowed, but a competitor in the Governor's or Chapter Cups Competition may transfer the first or second series of seven shots in such competitions. (6.) In the event of a Member being transferred to a higher or lower class by the Handicap Committee, his score in the May Competition to count.

in the class in which he shall last shoot during the period of 6 months.

It has been decided by the Committee that in future instead of dividing the amounts paid for entries in the monthly cup competitions amongst the three highest scores a spoon will be presented to the competitor making the best score only.

The Pool Competition will in future be taxed 20 per cent instead of 10 per cent as heretofore.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange so that the next trophy or cup donated to the Association shall be completed for by teams representative of the different sections of the Community.

The Governor's and Chapter Cups Competitions will be shot for only once a month in future and at the King's Park Range.

The fixtures for the month of January are as follows: Saturday and Sunday the 11th and 12th Douglas Cup Competition at 800 yards, Peak Range; on the 18th and 19th Governor's, Chapter and May Cups Competitions at 600 yards King's Park Range; on the 25th and 26th Berkeley Cup Competition at 600 yards King's Park Range; times as usual. The usual monthly circular will be issued to members in due course.

The Kowloon Sports.

The children's sports to be held on the Kowloon Cricket Club's ground at King's Park on New Year's Day promise to be even better than last year, for the energetic committee are working hard. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard has signified his intention of being present, and Mr. H. N. Mody will present the prizes.

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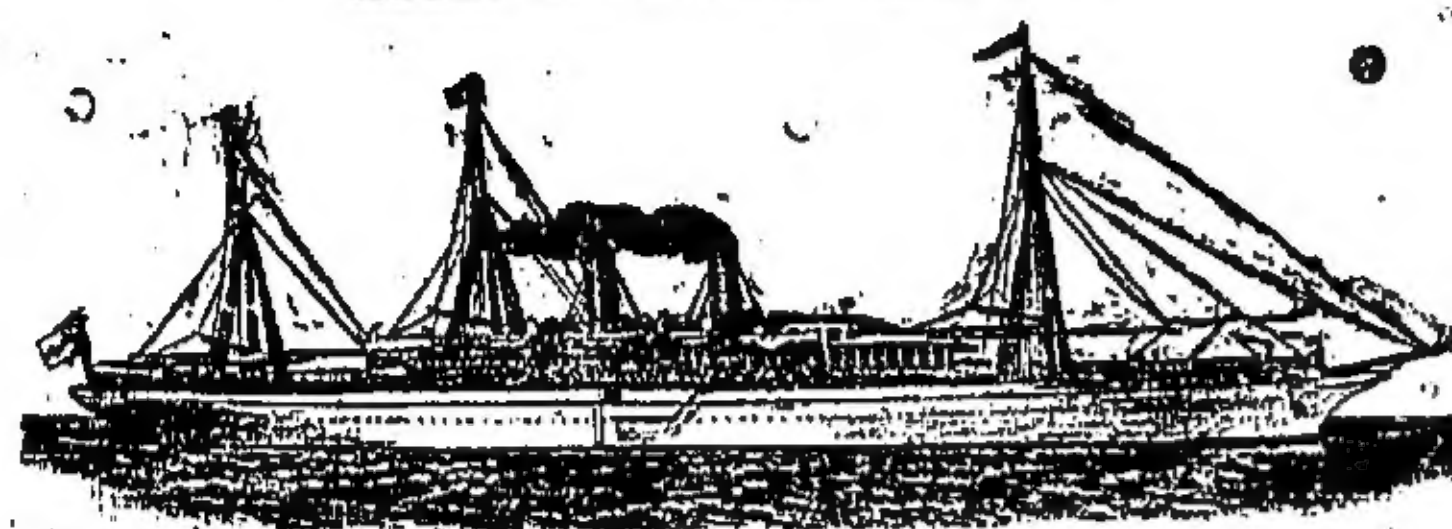
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AND ANKOW	AND ANKOW	January	Freight and Passengers
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MARSHALLS, LONDON, via MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Fred Payne, Tons 5068	MONDAY, 6th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C., and S.E. U.S. WASH., via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU, Capt. G.S. Lippert, Tons 6301 TOSA MARU, Capt. J. Nagas, Tons 5823	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at 4 p.m., 1908. TUESDAY, 21st Jan., at 4 p.m.
MARSHALLS, LONDON, via ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU, Tons 6265 HARATA MARU, Capt. T. Mural, Tons 6181	WEDNESDAY, 8th Jan., Daylight, 1908. WEDNESDAY, 22nd Jan., at Daylight.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Petersen, Tons 6101	SATURDAY, 11th Jan., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. T. Arakawa, Tons 4637	THURSDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon.
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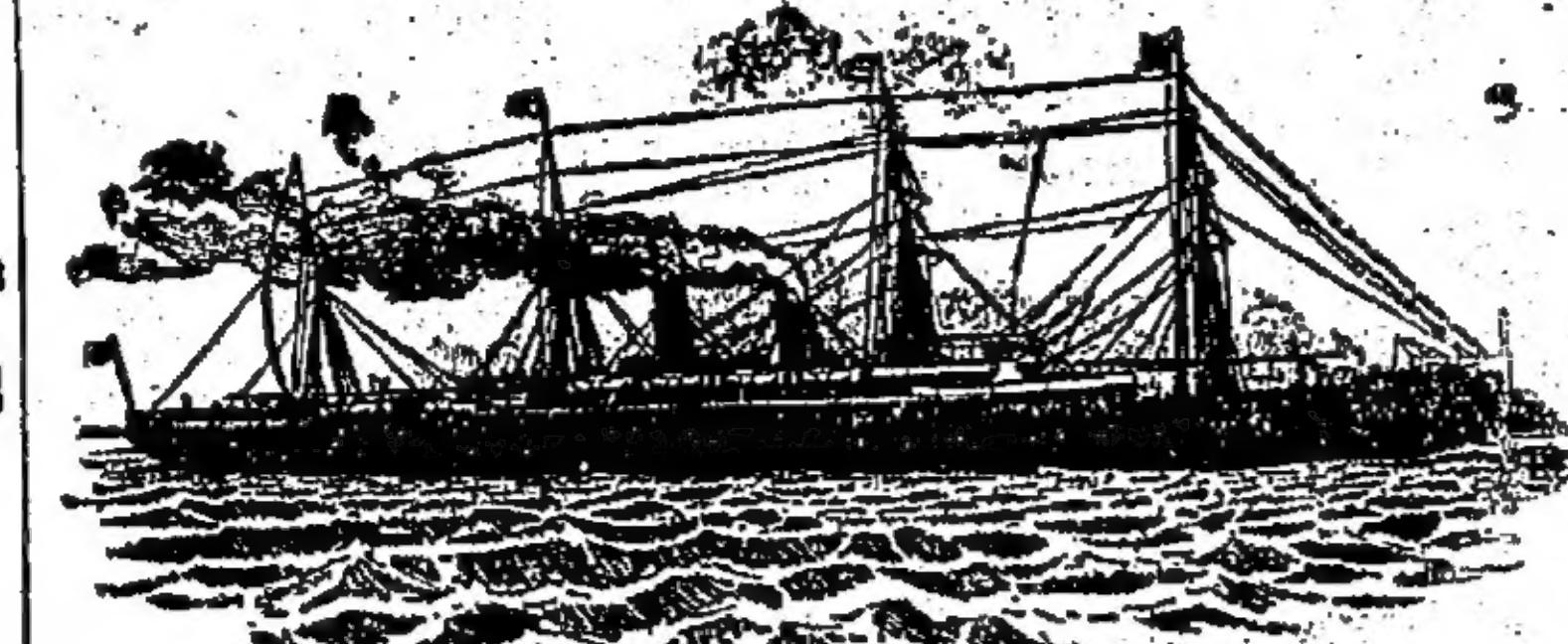
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* SIBERIA 18,000	SATURDAY, 1st Feb., at Noon.
* CHINA 10,200	SATURDAY, 8th Feb., at Noon.
* MANCHURIA 27,000	SATURDAY, 15th Feb., at Noon.
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HUIHOW AND PAKHOI	KWIKANG	Dec. 31, Daylight.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	TAIKWAN	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	KIUKANG	Jan. 3, at 4 p.m.
CEBU & ILOILO	KATONG	Jan. 3, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAIKANG	Jan. 7, at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHUNGTO	Jan. 9, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOI	FOOKSANG	MONDAY, Dec. 30, at Noon.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOO	CHEONG SHING	MONDAY, Dec. 30, at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	KUTRANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 31, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	POOHONG	TUESDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	THURSDAY, Jan. 2, at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 3, at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	LAISANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 7, at 3 P.M.

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HANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ZIETEN	FRIDAY, 3rd Jan.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	MANILA	SATURDAY, 4th Jan., at Noon.
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